



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No. 00-1243-A)**

In re Application of: )  
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Sammak, et al. )  
 ) Art Unit: 1743  
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For: Microbead Test Plates and Test Methods for )  
Fluorescence Imaging Systems )

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### U.S. Patent Documents

1. Hubert Köster, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,133,436, Issued on October 17, 2000.

### Foreign Documents

2. Japanese Publication No. 63036151A (Abstract), Published on February 16, 1988.
3. Douglas Youvan, et al., PCT Published Patent Application No. WO 98/55026, Published on December 10, 1998.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested the document cited be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
	1.	6,133,436	10-17-00	Köster, et al.			9-19-97

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	2.	63036151A (Abstract)	2-16-88	JAPAN			x	
	3.	WO 98/55026	12-10-98	PCT				

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